

EXERCISE ANAKONDA 16



OBJECTIVE

Anakonda16 is a Polish led, joint multinational exercise taking place throughout Poland from June 7-17. Anakonda will test the ability, readiness and interoperability of the Polish Armed Forces with Allies and partners, while conducting a joint defensive operation on a large scale. Anakonda and the upcoming NATO Summit in Warsaw are clear demonstrations of Poland's essential role in contributing to Alliance security and defense.

U.S. Army Europe's participation in Anakonda 16 demonstrates that the United States is dedicated to regional security. We will enhance our readiness and ability to effectively train and work alongside our Allies and partners, and exercise freedom of movement among participating nations throughout the European theater.

The U.S. Army's training events will include: multinational air assault and airborne operations, air defense operations, bridging operations and numerous other training activities led by the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division Headquarters.

U.S. Army Europe views Anakonda 16 as a series of overlapping multinational, multi-echelon events executed under a multinational command as a demonstration of unity, resolve and ability to mass forces with speed. Active duty, National Guard and Reserve U.S. Army forces will integrate to exercise the total Army concept.



Anakonda 16 is comprised of live fire, command post, field training, cyber and electronic warfare exercises. In some cases, Anakonda training events overlap and are enabled by two other distinct exercises happening in the region: Saber Strike 16 and Swift Response 16.



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TRAINING NARRATIVE:

1 | June 6 - 7 - The U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade, as part of a multinational task force, will conduct an airborne operation into the Polish training areas of Drawsko Pomorski (DPTA) and Swidwin to secure the area with force and establish a secure passage that will be used later by the U.S. Army's 2nd Cavalry Regiment on Dragoon Ride II enroute to Saber Strike 16.



2 | Simultaneously, as part of the exercise Swift Response 16, the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, with a multinational task force, will conduct an airborne operation into the Torun training area to secure key terrain east of the Vistula River.

3 | June 7 - The U.S. Army Europe's 18th Military Police Brigade, leading a multinational task force specializing in bridging tactics, will assemble a temporary bridge over the Vistula River to be used during the exercise.

4 | June 8 - The 18th Military Police Brigade will guide the 2nd Cavalry Regiment across the Vistula River, where the 2nd Cavalry Regiment will pass through the 82nd Airborne Division's position advancing toward the fictitious adversary. This maneuver is called a 'forward passage of lines.' The objective of this operation is for the 2nd Cavalry Regiment to arrive in Lithuania June 10 to begin Saber Strike 2016.



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5 | June 11 - 15 - Once the 173rd Airborne Brigade completes maneuvers at DPTA and Swidwin, they will move to the Wedrzyn training area. The movement is segmented coordination that manages the movement of personnel, units, equipment and supplies throughout an area of operation. The 173rd Airborne Brigade will exercise movement control via ground and airborne operations inside Poland.



6 | June 11 – 15 - The 18th Military Police Brigade will guide Polish military units over the Vistula River.

7 | June 11 – 15 - The Oklahoma Army National Guard 45th Fires Brigade will lead a fires control exercise at DPTA utilizing munitions launched from aircraft, helicopters and artillery systems.

8 | June 6 - 17 - The U.S. Army Europe's 10th Army Air & Missile Defense Command will lead exercises involving electronic warfare tactics at the Utzka training area. The exercises will support Polish military and the U.S. Army's 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade maneuvers. The maneuvers will include live fire exercises involving a variety of air defense weapons.

9 | June 16 - A combined live fire exercise will occur at DPTA led by U.S. Army Europe's Regionally Allocated Force, 1st Brigade 3rd Infantry Division. The fires control exercise will culminate June 15 as multinational units sequentially conduct live fire exercises.



10 | June 11 - 16 – Anakonda will also include a mass casualty evacuation drill led by the U.S. Army Europe's 30th Medical Brigade operating alongside Polish medical units. Additionally, a chemical decontamination exercise featuring the 44th Chemical Brigade from the Illinois National Guard and an urban terrain operation are planned.

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U.S. ARMY PARTICIPATING UNITS:



U.S. Army Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany

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1st Armored Brigade Combat Team,
3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart,
Georgia

On the Web:

<http://www.stewart.army.mil/units/home.asp?id=147>



2nd Cavalry Regiment, Rose Barracks,
Vilseck, Germany

On the Web: www.army.mil/2cr



82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg,
North Carolina

On the Web:

www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/



173rd Airborne Brigade, Vicenza, Italy

On the Web: www.army.mil/SkySoldiers



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3rd Infantry, Fort Stewart, Georgia

On the Web:

<http://www.stewart.army.mil/units/home.asp?id=146>



7th Mission Support Command,

Kaiserslautern, Germany

On the Web:

www.eur.army.mil/21TSC/7CSC/



12th Combat Aviation Brigade,

Katterbach Germany

On the Web: www.army.mil/12thCAB/



19th Battlefield Coordination

Detachment, Ramstein Air Base,
Germany

On the Web: www.eur.army.mil/19bcd/



4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson,
Colorado

On the Web: www.carson.army.mil/



**10th Army Air & Missile Defense
Command (AAMDC)**, Kaiserslautern,
Germany

On the Web:

[www.eur.army.mil/10thAAMDC/about.ht
ml](http://www.eur.army.mil/10thAAMDC/about.html)



18th Military Police Brigade,

Grafenwoehr, Germany

On the Web:

[www.eur.army.mil/21TSC/18MP/default.
html](http://www.eur.army.mil/21TSC/18MP/default.html)



21st Theater Sustainment Command,
Kaiserslautern, Germany

On the Web: www.eur.army.mil/21TSC/



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30th Medical Brigade, Sembach,
Germany

On the Web:

www.eur.army.mil/30thMED/



45th Field Artillery Brigade, Mustang,
Oklahoma

On the Web:

<http://state.nationalguard.com/oklahoma>



66th Military Intelligence Brigade,
Wiesbaden, Germany

On the Web:

www.inscom.army.mil/msc/66mib/comm_and.html



Joint Multinational Training Command

On the Web: www.eur.army.mil/JMTC/



U.S. Army Reserve and U.S. Army National Guard units from the following States:

Colorado - co.ng.mil/Pages/CONG-home.aspx

Illinois - www.il.ngb.army.mil/

Kentucky - kentuckyguard.com/

Missouri - www.moguard.com/

North Carolina -

state.nationalguard.com/north-carolina



Ohio - www.ong.ohio.gov/

Oklahoma - ok.ng.mil/Pages/Home.aspx

Tennessee - www.tnmilitary.org/army-national-guard.html

Wisconsin - dma.wi.gov/DMA/

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ALLIES AND PARTNER NATIONS PARTICIPATING:



Albania



Georgia



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Germany



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Canada



Hungary



Slovenia



Croatia



Latvia



Spain



Czech Republic



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Sweden



Estonia



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Finland



Netherlands



Ukraine



Poland



United Kingdom

Country participation in Anakonda 16 is subject to change.

Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges

Commanding General,
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A native of Quincy, Florida, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges graduated from the United States Military Academy in May 1980 and was commissioned in the Infantry.

After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels at the 101st Airborne Division and in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. His most recent operational assignment was as Director of Operations, Regional Command South, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Lt. Gen. Hodges has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include Tactics Instructor at the Infantry School; Chief of Plans, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Army Congressional Liaison Officer; Task Force Senior Observer-Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Coalition/Joint -3 (CJ3) of Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg; and Director of the Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell on the Joint Staff; Chief of Legislative Liaison for the United States Army.

His last assignment was as Commander, NATO Allied Land Command from 2012 to 2014.

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